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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING LOS TALKS NEW YORK

1. LOS TALKS ARE SCHEDULED RESUME NEW YORK IN MARCH. IN INTERIM SINCE GENEVA TALKS LAST YEAR, U. S. CONGRESS HAS THREATENED UNILATERAL ESTABLISHMENT OF 200 MILE FISHING ZONE AND GENERALLY INDICATED IMPATIENCE AND FRUSTRATION AT INABILITY OF WORLD TO AGREE ON LOS REGIME, AND MANY NATIONS, INCLUDING PHILIPPINES, HAVE EXPRESSED PESSIMISM ABOUT PROSPECTS OF EVER CONCLUDING ACCEPTABLE UNILATERAL LOS AGREEMENT. PESSIMISM OF PHILIPPINE OFFICIALS HAS SURFACED AGAIN IN DISCUSSIONS WITH EMBASSY OVER UPCOMING TALKS IN NEW YORK. WE HAVE RENEWED INDICATIONS GOP WILL STICK TO ITS ARCHIPELAGO/HISTORIC RIGHTS THEORIES IN ABSENCE OF PROSPECTS FOR MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK.

2. WE ARE NOT INFORMED OF U.S. PLANS FOR FORTHCOMING

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NEW YORK TALKS, NOR ARE WE SANGUINE OF ANY CHANGE IN

GOP'S LOS POSITION WITH RESPECT TO U.S. PLANS. NEVER-THELESS, WE THINK FAILURE OF U.S. TO INDICATE ANY PLANS OR INTEREST IN UPCOMING LOS TALKS WILL TEND TO FORTIFY DISINCLINATION OF PHILIPPINES--AND PRESUMABLY OTHER COUNTRIES AS WELL--TO TAKE TALKS SERIOUSLY. WE HAVE INDICATION FROM INDONESIA'S DR. JALLAL (WHO JUST VISITED HERE IN CONNECTION WITH ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING), MOREOVER, THAT INDONESIA MAY NOT BE ATTEMPTING FURTHER (OR AT LEAST SERIOUS) MISSIONARY WORK WITH GOP ON U.S. BEHALF (MEMCON BEING POUCHED). FOR THAT MATTER, WE DOUBT INDONESIANS HAVE EVER SERIOUSLY PRESSED GOP.

3. ACCORDINGLY REQUEST SOONEST INSTRUCTIONS RE U.S. LOS INTERESTS FOR DISCUSSIONS WITH GOP PRIOR TO FORTH-COMING NEW YORK MEET. SULLIVAN

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